

## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Bruce Wilson in the Council Chambers, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

**Present:** Bruce Wilson, James Donaldson, Preston Sale, Michael Lippard, Bill Safrit, Greta Connor, and Barbara Perry

**Absent:** Johnny Safrit, Cindy Bridges, Judy Kandl, and Suzette Davis

**Staff:** Lynn Raker, Janice Bodford

**Other:** Pete Bogle

Light refreshments were enjoyed in appreciation for service to the Appearance Commission by Pete Bogle and Emma Jean Hawley and to welcome new members Greta Connor and Judy Kandl.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Reviewed and approved the financial report for March.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Art in Public Places:** Lynn and Robert Crum prepared and submitted the grant application to the Robertson Foundation for the art project for N Depot Street. They should hear something by the end of this month. This grant would not be for the full amount of the project, therefore, the rest of the funds will have to be raised by donations or fundraising.

Downtown Salisbury is offering geraniums at a good price this year to spruce up for our Spring Out on the Town, which will be May 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be simulcast evening news between 6 and 7 pm on Main Street. Channel 6 TV station will broadcast near the Square, music will be playing at the Meroney Theater and at Salisbury Square Antiques, and the trolley will be running as well as other activities.

**Neighborhoods & Education Committee:** The Neighborhood Leaders have been invited to next month's Community Appearance meeting.

**Landscaping:** Barbara talked with Sherry Halpin who lives across the street from the pocket park on Lincolnton Road and they are very interested in helping take care of it. Someone from

the City needs to ask them and talk with them about what to do. We can drop her a note and invite her to the next CAC meeting.

**Municipal Service District and Innes Street Improvement Grants:** The walkway has been finished at the Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church where they took out concrete and put in brick, and it looks really good. The church is going to be putting the backfill around it and reseeding around the edges. Across the street from there new curbing has been installed as a part of the Streetscape Improvement Plan. The rest of that, along with the Freedman's Cemetery Memorial project, will be finished in about a month depending on how the approval goes tomorrow at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Tomorrow they will address the wall issue again and are proposing another opening in the wall and a little change in the overall design. The Depot Street Mosaic and the Farmer's Market will also come before the HPC tomorrow.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bruce asked for any update on the corner lot on Fisher & Lee Streets. No additional information on that. Lynn provided information about a part of DSI's presentation to Council yesterday, which included a slide of a proposed project for development next to the firehouse on the corner of Fisher and Lee. It will be a 3-story mixed-use building with condos.

Janice provided updated sheets for City of Salisbury contacts and Landscape of the Month nominations and winners lists.

Barbara asked about including KMD Construction building across from Sonic for consideration of a CAC award.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson was elected Chair by acclamation. Barbara Perry was elected Vice Chair also by acclamation.

Greta asked about some proposed apartments on Wilkesboro Road. Lynn explained that it is a 2-3 acre track next to Kelsey Scott Park on Old Wilkesboro Road. City Council approved a high-density overlay for this property which means they can have more apartments on it than would ordinarily be allowed (about 40). They will be required to leave a buffer between the apartments and adjacent properties. The next steps will be site plan approval through the Technical Review Committee, Planning Board and City Council.

Greta also inquired about some property in Sedgfield Acres. It was thought perhaps the City had purchased the property. The lots have been surveyed. Lynn will check into this.

James asked Lynn to check on the Jersey City plans. John Brooks brought it up at one of the staff meetings. Progress seems to have come to a stop.

Barbara thanked Pete Bogle for his service to the CAC. It has been a pleasure to serve under his leadership.

Committee assignments: Greta will be added to the Neighborhoods/Education Committee and Judy Kandl to the MSD and Innes Street Grant Committees.

Let Janice know if there are any corrections to addresses/phone numbers on the CAC members list. Also add email addresses if you have one.

Michael asked about the Cheerwine sign. Lynn replied that Mark Ritchie has responded that he is going to do that. He has his COA, permission from the owners and has been waiting for warm weather. He received CAC grant funds for the Cheerwine building and for the Clay Works building.

Lynn presented a revised drawing of the parking lot for the Farmer's Market that will be presented for HPC approval tomorrow. The entrance on Main St. will not be changed. The driveway on E Bank that is closest to Main will be closed, but will leave the other one on Bank St. as is. They will not resurface the lot, but will put in the planted islands and tent structure. Portable toilets that are ADA accessible and sinks will be installed as well as a dumpster. Bruce asked about signage. Lynn said a text amendment for pole displays on the posts of the tent would be necessary. The tent structure is a permanent structure, but the fabric cover will be taken off before snow starts. This market will be restricted to farmers within a 50-mile radius. A Farmer's Market Board of Directors is working on a rule that will require farmers to have a certain percentage of homegrown goods. It is tentatively scheduled to be open on Tuesday mornings, Thursday afternoons from 4-8, and Saturday mornings.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.